

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
                                )  
vs.                           )   **Case No. 2:24-CR-00485-AMM-NAD**  
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**BLAKE MILLER BARAKAT    )****

**NOTICE OF AN INSANITY DEFENSE**

COMES NOW the Defendant, Blake Miller Barakat, by and through her attorney, Michael W. Whisonant, Sr. and pursuant to Rule 12.2(a) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure and gives notice that the Defendant intends to assert a defense of insanity at the time of the alleged offense.

Further, pursuant to Rule 12.2(b) of the Rules of Criminal Procedure the Defendant gives notice that he intends to introduce expert evidence relating to a mental disease or defect or other mental condition of the defendant bearing on the issue of guilt.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

s/s Michael W. Whisonant, Sr.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael W. Whisonant, Sr. do hereby certify that I have on this the 13th day of December 2024, electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all CM/ECF participants in this case.

/s/ Michael W. Whisonant, Sr.